

THE OCCIDENT.

THE SHADOW OF DREYFUS AGITATES PARIS ANEW.



M. Delfasse, Challenged to a Duel

The French Minister of Foreign Affairs took an important part in the exciting debate yesterday in the Chamber of Deputies. For his remark that he spurned with his toes the charges of Deputy Lasles the latter sent seconds to him.

ruining the letters published in the Petit the trial now prove to be known

No information about the return of Dreyfus to Paris has been given out to-day. The Petit Bleu printed the assertion that a guard has been sent to conduct the prisoner.

ONE OF DREYFUS'S JUDGES
HAS HIS EYES OPENED.

Chicago, May 12.—The Tribune's Paris correspondent cables:

In view of the near approach of the date for the announcement of the decision of the Court of Cassation I asked a number of

the testimony of the officers to whom the guilt of Dreyfus is an absolute certainty. I have discussed the question thoroughly with General Mercier and M. Chavagnac, the former Minister of War, and I feel sure that Dreyfus is guilty."

Le Brun Renaud, who from the first be-

prominent men to-day for an expression of opinion on the Dreyfus affair. Their replies, given frankly and readily, follow:

Commandant Patron, one of the Judges who originally condemned Dreyfus, said: "I repeat again. If in 1894 I indeed Drey-

Premier Dupuy, lately counted among the pacifists, said: "I believe the French people will not allow France to be judged by the same standard as England. While France will incline toward the decision, it can never dispel the doubt."

people have been the victims of a great mystification. In any event the Government will know how to make respected the decree of the Court of Cassation and punish the guilty officers."

succeeded De Freycet last week, simply repeated what he said to me the day after he assumed his office: "I came into my office with no prejudices for or against Dreyfus. I will do my duty."

Most significant of all is the reply made to my inquiry by Pety du Clam: "I never had any personal animosity against Dreyfus. In all that I did I simply obeyed my superiors. I always detested my assignment to duty in the intelligence office." Andre Labon, Minister of the Colonies at

The time of the condemnation of Dreyfus said: "I am convinced of his guilt. Dreyfus was well judged."

Paul Cavaignac, from the first the bitter opponent of Dreyfus, was equally brief. He said: "I am convinced of his guilt."

People were astonished when I took part in the agitation for revision and signed the protest in Dreyfus's favor. It was an act of conscience. I testified in the case against Zola. I was convinced of the un-

Captain Freystadter, one of the judges of the court martial that condemned Dreyfus, said: "In view of the recent developments my conscience much troubles me. The most convincing proofs presented at

CARNEGIE THANKED

FOR A \$250,000 GIFT.

tee of Birmingham University to-day the following resolution was adopted:

On behalf of the promoters of the establishment of the University of Birmingham, and in the names of the inhabitants of this city, the committee most gratefully accepts the magnificent offer of Mr. Carnegie to donate £50,000 and begs to assure him that public appreciation of his generosity will be as frank and hearty as it is sincere.

generosity will be immeasurably enhanced by the thoughtful and kindly spirit in which the offer was made and by the intimate personal connection of the donor with the special interests of the Midland district as practised in the community.

FOUR DEAD, TWENTY HURT,
BY A DOUBLE EXPLOSION.

POOR CHINA INTIMATES
SHE DOESN'T LIKE IT.

Chemical Factory at St. Helen's, Eng., Wrecked, and Nearly Every Building in Town Damaged.	Acknowledgment of Receipt of Anglo- Russian Agreement in No Wise Means Acquiescence.
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London, May 12.—An explosion to-day at Kurtz's chemical works, St. Helen's, Lancashire, killed four persons and seriously injured twenty.

Fire broke out in the chlorate house, ex-

Pekin, May 12.—The Chinese Government, in acknowledging the receipt of a communication regarding the Anglo-Russian agreement as to spheres of interest in China, expressly declares that the ac-

ploding eighty tons of chlorate, causing much destruction. Subsequently the boiler exploded and the whole works were razed. The town was strewn with debris, and knowledge in no wise implies acquiescence. Immediately after communicating the agreement the Russian Minister, M. D.

The total loss is about £100,000 (\$500,000). Vitriol, which streamed into the sewers, spread devastation. The gas works were badly damaged, and the gaseometer, which

contained 250,000 cubic feet of gas, had a hole burned in its top. The escaping gas took fire, and the flames were seen for miles.

The Author of "L'enfant Prodigue"
Dead.

Paris, May 12.—Henri Becque, the dramatic author, is dead, aged sixty-two.

Henri Becque's principal dramatic works are "L'enfant Prodigue," "Michele," "Dance," "Le

Roosevelt Will Visit Canada.

Toronto, May 12.—Governor Roosevelt, of New York, has sent word that he will visit Canada this Summer, but will not be able to accept the invitation to be here on the Queen's birthday.